

Documents on Diplomacy: Exercises

A Checklist: Important Ideas for Declaring Independence

Directions: Using this list of ideas (1–11), place a check mark beside the idea that appears in the named “declaration” documents.

<i>Ideas!</i>	COLONIES 1776	TEXAS 1836
1. Dissolving political ties & forming new governments		
2. Self-evident truths (a philosophy of the 1700s)		
3. Unalienable rights		
4. Philosophy of government		
5. Question of tyranny		
6. Oppression—as seen by definers and listed in grievances		
7. Labeling head of present government as a tyrant		
8. Manner to redress grievances		
9. Statement of intentions of independence		
10. Pledge of lives or fortune or honor (etc.)		
11. Signed and sent to heads of government		